(d) whether it is also a fact that such increases have created a large scale dissatisfaction among the people; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the prices immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Central issue prices for Public Distribution System for wheat and rice (Ex-FCI godown) have been increased w.e.f. 28-12-1991 with a view to partially absorb the increase in the Minimum Support Price of wheat and paddy.

The retail issue price of levy sugar has been raised from 21-1-92 on account of the upward revision of zonal ex-factory levy sugar prices.

(c) The information is as follows:—

Effective From	Percentage of increase over the previous Central Issue Prices		
WHEAT			
1-5-90		14.7%	
28-12-91		19.7%	
RICE	COMMON	FINE	S. *FINE*
25-6-90	18.4%	14.8%	13.8%
28-12-91	30.4%	25.2%	23.8%
SUGAR			
24-7-91		16.2%	
21-1-92		13.1%	

(d) No, Sir. However, few representations expressing resentment against increase in Central issue prices of wheat and rice from 28-12-91 have been received from individuals, association and some State Governments.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Change in supply of Rice throgh Public—Distribution Systemu

1434. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any change in supply of rice through Public Distribution system, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and whether there is any revision in the procurement target in Andhra Pradesh; and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The allocation of rice from the Central Pool to various States/Union Territories for the Public Distribution System are meant for the State as a whole and the distribution within the State, including its coverage and scale of issue to the consumers, is decided by the concerned State Government. As regards procurement, wheat, paddy and coarsegrains are procured under price suoport operation scheme, while rice is collected by way of statutory levy imposed on the rice millers. Therefore, no target of procurement can be fixed by the Government.

Functions of certain bodies

1435. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the tenure, composition and functions of (i) Standing Research Advisory Committees, (ii) Development Council for Sugar Industry; and (iii) Standing Advisory Committee on Sugar Standards; and

(b) when these were last constituted and when the same are likely to be reconstituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The tenure of the Development Council for Sugar Industry and its two Standing Committees, viz. Standing Research Advisory Committee and Standing Advisory Committee on Sugar Standards is for a period of 2 years. The tenure of the two Standing Committees runs concurrently with the tenure of the Development Council for Sugar Industry. The functions of the Council and its two Standing Committees are at Statements I, II and III respectively. (*See below*) The composition of the Council Committees has yet to be decided as they are in the process of being reconstituted.

(b) The Development Council for Sugar Industry and the two Standing Committees were last constituted *vide* Orders dated 27-2-1989, 17-7-1989 and 17-7-1989 respectively, all with effect from 27-2-1989. The term of the aforesaid Council/Committees expired on 26-2-1991. The Development Council